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WASHINGTON, D C--Rep Kika de la Garza announced today that five veterans' representatives have been assigned as troubleshooters to four South Texas educational institutions and are scheduled to report on campus August 1.

Congressman de la Garza said the new "VA Man on Campus" program was developed by the Veterans Administration in response to widespread complaints, including many he received from South Texas, that veterans were not getting their educational benefit checks on time.

He listed the "vet reps" in area colleges as follows: William E Miller and Arnolando Perez, Pan American University, Edinburg; Carlos Garcia, Texas Southmost College, Brownsville; Jose Garcia, Texas State Technical Institute, Harlingen; Gordon C Vrazel, A & I University, Kingsville.

"I am told by the Veterans Administration that this new program is part of an overall streamlining of the method used for veterans' educational allowances," the Congressman said. "Its goal is to provide prompt and accurate payments and rapid correction of errors. I hope it will prove to be a step in the right direction for our South Texas veterans and universities."

Functions of the campus representatives, he added, are to fill gaps in local veterans' services, assist regional offices in paper processing, act as paymaster to help distribute advance paychecks, be the man on the spot to correct errors early, serve as liaison for campus veteran groups, distribute information on new laws and rules, and act as consultant on VA to university officials and faculty.